

POWER of the Holy Spirit, Pt. 6

Ephesians 5.8-21

I. Filling is part of the walk of the Christian life

The first contrast is between darkness and I _____.

Eph. 5:8 for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light...10 and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord.

John 3:3 Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

The second is the contrast of w_____ and unwise.

Eph. 5:15 Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise,

Rom. 16:19 For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil.

The third contrast deals with our use of the t_____ God has given us in this world.

Eph. 5:16 making the best use of the time, because the days are evil.

Col. 4:5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. 6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

Amplified: Col 4:5 Behave yourselves wisely (living prudently and with discretion) in your relations with those of the outside world (the non-Christians), making the very most of the time – seizing (buying up) the opportunity. 6 Let your speech at all times be gracious (pleasant and winsome), seasoned (as it were) with salt, (so that you may never be at a loss) to know how you ought to answer anyone (who puts a question to you).

The fourth contrast is between being foolish and knowing the w_____ of the Lord.

Eph. 5:17 Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is.

Amplified: Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is.

The fifth contrast is between drunkenness and being f_____ with the Spirit.

II. Be filled with the Spirit

Eph. 5:18 And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit,

The verb "be filled" is...

- p_____
- p_____
- p_____
- p_____

Philippians 2:13 ...it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

John 7:37-38 Jesus said, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'"

Matt. 5:6 Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

So how does filling occur?

We must come to Christ thirsty – the natural condition for one whose heart has been redeemed by the blood of Christ.

We must spend time in prayer and Bible study.

III. Can a person be baptized and not filled?

Can a person be saved and not be baptized in the Holy Spirit? We have spent a couple weeks explaining that the answer here is _____. Baptism in the Holy Spirit is part of the initial salvation experience.

Can a person be saved and not be filled with the Holy Spirit? Unfortunately, the answer here is _____.

Eph. 4:30-5:4.

The evidence of the filling of the Spirit is not gifts, but **f**_____: love, joy, peace, kindness, gentleness, goodness, longsuffering, patience, and temperance.

1 Cor. 12:13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

1 Cor. 1:7 ...you are not lacking in any spiritual gift...

The letter to the Corinthians calls attention to the fact that the church at Corinth was marked by...

- **C**_____ understanding of the things of God

1 Cor. 3:1 But I, brothers, could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for it. And even now you are not yet ready, 3 for you are still of the flesh. For while there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not of the flesh and behaving only in a human way? 4 For when one says, “I follow Paul,” and another, “I follow Apollos,” are you not being merely human?
- Jealousy and **s**_____ that ruled in their fellowship

1 Cor. 4:7 For what gives you the right to make such a judgment? What do you have that God hasn't given you? And if everything you have is from God, why boast as though it were not a gift?
- The presence of known **s**_____ that the entire church seemed to ignore

1 Cor. 5:1 I can hardly believe the report about the sexual immorality going on among you – something that even pagans don't do. I am told that a man in your church is living in sin with his stepmother. 2 You are so proud of yourselves, but you should be mourning in sorrow and

shame. And you should remove this man from your fellowship.

What prevents us from being filled with the Holy Spirit? From Eph. 4 and from the example of the church at Corinth, it is...

- sin
- unbelief
- p_____
- conflict
- n_____

The cure for all of these things is confession and repentance.

IV. Evidence of filling

1. **S**_____

Eph. 5:19a ...speaking to one another...

Basically, that means fellowship.

John R.W. Stott: However deep and intimate our communion with God may seem, we cannot claim the fullness of the Spirit if we are not on speaking terms with our fellow.

2. **S**_____

Eph. 5:19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

Psalm 40 says, “I waited patiently on the Lord, and He heard my cry. He brought me up from the miry clay and set my feet on a rock. He put a new song in my mouth for all the world to see.”

Psalm 34:3 Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Psalm 95:1 Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Notice first of all that you have to be present. It says, “O come...”

Then you have to be in the company of other Christians. It says, “Oh come, let us sing...let us make a joyful noise...”

And you don’t even have to be good at it, because the psalmist added, “...make a joyful noise...”

Finally, notice that we are singing and making a joyful noise “to the Lord...to the rock of our salvation.” The object of our faith and of our worship is Jesus Christ. He is the rock of our salvation.

When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you will want to worship.

3. **S**_____ thanks

Eph. 5:20 giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

1 Thess. 5:18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

ESV: give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Numbers 14.27-33

Philippians 4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Col 3:17 Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

4. **S**_____

Eph. 5:21 ...submitting to one another in the fear of God.

Philippians 2:3 Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.